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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/60/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/60/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/60/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 4, subparagraphs (e) to (g) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the following items and sub-items have been allocated to the Second Committee: "Information and communication technologies for development"; "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions" (for annual consideration); "Towards global partnerships" (every other year); and "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development" (every three years).

List of documents

4. Attention is drawn to the documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee contained in the draft programme of work, which provides a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

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Length of statements

5. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Practices and working methods

6. The Second Committee, in implementing General Assembly resolution 58/316, in particular paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of section C of the annex, shall utilize or expand the practice of interactive debates and introduce the practice of "question time".

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

7. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of seven formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

8. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Bureau members of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the informal "informals" consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

9. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; however, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the General Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

10. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 6 December 2005 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 19-23 September	
Monday, 19 September	
3 p.m.	
Organization of work	
Week of 3-7 October	
Monday, 3 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate	
Tuesday, 4 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (*continued*)	
Wednesday, 5 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (*concluded*)	
Friday, 7 October	
10 a.m. (side event)	
Week of 10-14 October	
Monday, 10 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 52*: Macroeconomic policy questions**	
(b) International financial system and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development (A/60/163)
(c) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development (A/60/139)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Tuesday, 11 October	
10 a.m.	
***Item 74*: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance**	
(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions	Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for countries and regions: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan, Somalia and Timor-Leste (A/60/__)
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 52 and 52 (b) and (c)	
Wednesday, 12 October	
10 a.m. (side event)	
3 p.m.	
***Item 53*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development**	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/60/289 and Add.1) Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (A/60/__)
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 74 (b)	
Thursday, 13 October	
10 a.m.	
***Item 53* (*continued*)**	
Friday, 14 October	
3 p.m.	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 53	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 17-21 October	
Monday, 17 October	
10 a.m.	
Observance of World Food Day*	
Wednesday, 19 October	
10 a.m. (side event)	
3 p.m.	
***Item 51*: Information and communication technologies for development**	Report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the World Summit on the Information Society Report of the Secretary-General on information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295
Thursday, 20 October	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 51	
Friday, 21 October	
10 a.m. (special event)	
Week of 24-28 October	
Wednesday, 26 October	
10 a.m.	
Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions on globalization	
3 p.m.	
***Item 41*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**	Note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/60/65-E/2005/13)

* Observance of World Food Day is on 16 October 2005.

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Thursday, 27 October	
10 a.m. (side event)	
3 p.m.	
***Item 56*: Globalization and interdependence**	
(a) Globalization and interdependence	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence and on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
(b) Science and technology for development	Report of the Secretary-General on science and technology for development (A/60/184)
(c) International migration and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the organizational details of the 2006 high-level dialogue on international migration and development
(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/60/157)
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 41	
Friday, 28 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 56 (a) through (d)* (*continued*)**	
Week of 31 October-4 November**	
Monday, 31 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 52*: Macroeconomic policy questions**	
(a) International trade and development	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on developments in the multilateral trading system (A/60/__) Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/60/__)

** From 1 to 4 November, in observance of Ramadan, morning meetings of the Second Committee will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and afternoon meetings will be from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-sixth executive session (A/60/15 (Part I))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-seventh executive session (A/60/15 (Part II))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-second special session (A/60/15 (Part III))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-second regular session (A/60/15 (Part IV))
Tuesday, 1 November	
9.30 a.m.	
***Item 55*: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (A/60/168)
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its twentieth session (A/60/8, Supplement No. 8)
2:30 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Action on items 74 (b), 51, 52 and 52 (b) and (c)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 56, 56 (a) through (d)	
Wednesday, 2 November	
9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.	
***Item 54*: Sustainable development**	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its twenty-third session (A/60/25, Supplement No. 25)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth session and on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fourth session (A/60/3, Supplement No. 3)
(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
	Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken in organizing the activities of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015 (A/60/158)
(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Report of the Secretary-General on a plan of action and proposed activities for the coordinated and coherent implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation by the relevant United Nations bodies
(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, in particular on the outcome of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (A/60/180)
(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (A/60/171)
(e) Sustainable development in mountain regions	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of sustainable development in mountain regions, including an overall analysis of the challenges that lie ahead and appropriate policy recommendations
(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005	Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/60/154)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
(g) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of preparations for the International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006 (A/60/169) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/60/171)
(h) Convention on Biological Diversity	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/60/171)
(i) Rendering assistance to poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas	No advance documentation has been requested.
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 52 (a) and 55	
Thursday, 3 November	
9.30 a.m.	
Items 54, 54 (a) through (i) *(continued)*	
2.30 p.m.	
(Side event)	
Friday, 4 November	
Eid Al-Fitr — United Nations holiday	
Week of 7-11 November	
Monday, 7 November	
10 a.m.	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 54 and 54 (a) and (i)	
Wednesday, 9 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 59*: Operational activities for development**	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/60/3, Supplement No. 3)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Some measures to improve overall performance of the United Nations system at the country level, Part I: a short history of United Nations reform in development" (A/60/125-E/2005/85 and Add.1)
(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women for 2004
	Report of the Secretary-General on funding options and modalities for operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/60/83-E/2005/72)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2003 (A/60/74-E/2005/57)
(b) South-South cooperation: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation among developing countries
	Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation (A/60/39, Supplement No. 39)
Thursday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
***Item 57*: Groups of countries in special situations**	
(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/60/81-E/2005/68)
(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 59 and 59 (a) and (b)	
Friday, 11 November	
10 a.m.	
United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Action on items 53, 53 (a) and (b), 55, 56, 56 (a) through (d)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 57 and 57 (a) and (b)	
Week of 14-18 November	
Monday, 14 November	
10 a.m.	
***Item 58*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues**	
(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)
(b) Women in development	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/206 on women in development, including the impact of globalization on the empowerment of women and their integration in development (A/60/162)
(c) Human resources development	Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development, including a separate section on the effect of the movement of highly skilled people and those with an advanced education in human resources development in developing countries
3 p.m. (side event)	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Tuesday, 15 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 58 and 58 (a) through (c) *(continued)*	
3 p.m.	
Item 60**: Training and research**	
(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research
(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Staff College in Turin
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 58 and 58 (a) through (c)	
Wednesday, 16 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 61**: Towards global partnerships**	Report of the Secretary-General — Towards global partnerships: cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners, in particular the private sector
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 60 (a) and (b) and 61	
Thursday, 17 November	
10 a.m. (side event)	
Week of 21-25 November	
Monday, 21 November	
3 p.m. (side event)	
Tuesday, 22 November	
10 a.m.	
Action on items 54, 54 (a) through (i) and 55	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 23 November	
3 p.m. (special event)	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Thursday, 24 November	
Thanksgiving Day — United Nations holiday	
Friday, 25 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Week of 28 November-2 December	
Monday, 28 November	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 30 November	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Thursday, 1 December	
3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Friday, 2 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on all outstanding proposals	
Week of 5-9 December	
Monday, 5 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on all outstanding proposals	
Tuesday, 6 December	
3 p.m.	
Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	